

# NOTICE OF DECISION UNDER REGULATION 32 FILM POSTERS

## VIDEO SLICK

TO: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.  
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Pursuant to regulation 32 of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Regulations 1994 the film poster entitled:

The Awakening

is **Not Approved.**

If approval refused, the reasons for the decision:

The video slick entitled *The Awakening* is not approved.

The video slick depicts a woman bending over a toilet, with her head inside the toilet bowl, engaging in what appears to be either vaginal or anal intercourse with a man. The video slick degrades the woman involved to a significant degree by including this depiction of sexual conduct of a highly degrading nature. Exacerbating the degrading effect is the medium of the publication, and its intended purpose, which is advertising material for a sexually explicit video recording, directed towards a predominantly male audience.

In view of the degree to which the video slick presents sexual conduct of a strongly degrading nature, the Classification Office finds that the availability of the video slick is likely to be injurious to the public good. Consequently, the video slick would be likely to be classified as objectionable if it were submitted for classification under s13(1) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. Therefore in accordance with Regulation 28(3)(a) the video slick is not approved.

Consideration has been given to the provisions of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. The criteria used by the Classification Office to limit the availability of this publication are prescribed by law. The consequent limitation on the freedom of expression is the only restriction available that will prevent the likely injury to the public good arising from the availability of the video slick. The likely injury arises from the depiction of sexual conduct of a highly degrading nature, which degrades the woman involved, and women more generally, to a significant degree. For these reasons, the Classification Office is of the view that this decision is demonstrably justified.

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Date: 28 August 2000

For the Classification Office (signed):

OFLC Ref: 1170